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#### MACHINE VS. HILL.

That a State machine, holding secret and having held power to fulfil its lief fund for the sufferers by the Italpromises until last year, has existed ian earthquake. A detailed account for some years, has been asserted and of the financial record shows how gendenied many times.

advance of conventions, caucuses, etc., the successor of Father J. J. Elty, is now quite generally admitted; were of the church. This is no reflection such not the facts, the nomination of upon Father Elty, as he had raised Mr. Hill for Senator would be a cer- some \$3,000 which had been used to tainty, in response to public sentiment. pay for the lot upon which the new at Stamford. The machine is now, through its coun- church is to be built, and had at the The machine is now, through its coun-ty, city and town tools—as, for in-penses of the church. During the nine stance, Sheriff Hawley-the only ob- and one-half months Father O'Connor stacle in the Hill way. Without its has been the priest at St. James' the a negligible quantity.

it if they make an carnest and united paired vitality could not withstand the parish. rejection of Brandegee; not even the pire is clearly proven by its present and as a member of the clergy. antagonism to the heavily preponderant sentiment in its party.

awake to the opportunity within their going are L. E. Peck, Geo. W. Spall, reach? Nomination of their choice for Geo. A. Fairchild, H. B. Barnum, H. Senator, and a death blow to the machine, are at their hands, the latter as pleyard, and possibly one or two othinevitable consequence of the for- ers.

Attainment of two such objects ould abundantly justify a refusal of he Hill forces to go into caucus, if it should appear that the machine can control that body.

THE QUESTION OF

## UNCONSTITUTIONALITY.

If a layman may correctly sense the real meaning of the rather complicated decision of the "Election court" in the Lilley case, it is based upon the constitutional provision of the right of jury trial, and upon an alleged infraction thereof, the argument being that it would be practically a criminal case, with the penalty of ineligibility to either elective or appointive office for four years. If the assumption that the act provides such penalty is well founded, the decision of unconstitutionality would necessarily follow.

From the commencement of the case the Farmer has steadily asserted that the penalty cited does not apply to candidates "the votes for whom are to be counted by the State Treasurer, Secretary of the State and Comptroller," among them being candidates for Governor, but does apply "to any other Fairchild at the organ. Many pretty office." This view is sustained by the selections were sung by the little boys ing the year of 1909. have no power to declare any such present and made a pleasant address. election (of Governor) to be void"; is it reasonable to assume that after progo on to attach the penalty of in- official positions of their lodge: eligibility-that is, to permit declaration of the election of an ineligible candidate for Governor, and to seat in the Gubernatorial chair, with power of Mansis, David H. and W. E. Middlenumerous appointments, one who is brook, John Moon, William Beard, practically a convicted criminal and in-eligible to elective or appointive office and J. H. Thompson. eligible to elective or appointive office for four years? To the layman, this seems grotesquely absurd.

The provision of ineligibility in the act is found in the sentence following one relating to decision "to be filed with the Governor"-that is, as to other turned to town, the schools opened on officers than the Governorship-and it time this morning, and all the honor clearly applies only to such offices. If, in these cases, the election court finds the accused "guilty of corrupt prac- at the residence of Mrs. F. O. Rhoades, tices," the act provides that "such Golden Hill. election shall be void"-a procedure from which the Election court is barred in the case of a Gubernatorial candidate, which fact confirms the opinion had one of the Embroidery clubs a that these provisions of the act apply her house.

only to minor offices. This is further confirmed by the suceeding provision that if any candidate shall have been "So" found guilty. Evening Star Rebekah lodge will be he shall be ineligible, etc. Use of the installed.

word quoted makes this provision appliable only to the minor offices covered by the voiding provision, and it does Mrs. Seeger of Ansonia, and others. not, therefore, apply to candidates for

If this reasoning be sound, it cuts the ground from under the judicial deof trial by jury.

As the case now goes to the Supreme court for final decision, it is perhaps idle to speculate upon its several phases; we raise the point discussed merely because of our previously expressed opinion.

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## **STRATFORD**

A Remarkable Parish—Father O'Conners Brilliant Work-Growth of Building Fund — Red Men's Excursion — Odd Fellows—Local Personals.

The financial account of the parish of St. James' for the year 1908, as read ill, is reported more favorable. in the church last Sunday, was a most agreeable surprise to the members of much money had been collected since today. ing fund was so large. Notwithstandlation of this town for their own turned with her mother. church purposes, they contributed the sessions and promising nominations sum of \$25.50 last Sunday for the reerously Father O'Connor's people have Mrs. John R. Peck. responded to every call for the benefit That it does exist and is still en- of the church. When he arrived in there were but \$23.49 in the treasury

aid, the Brandegee candidacy would be following moneys have been received from pew rents, \$485.25; from seat The wonder is that the Republican the door by those who do not rent party has for so long submitted to the pews, \$365.75; the offertory amounted autocratic rule of the machine. Last to \$437.87; the annual collection was year, there came the first revolt. It was effective in the cases of Tilson for Congressman-at-large, Rogers for Secbut ineffective against Lilley for Gov- has collected \$151,85; there has been a ernor because, in the greater part, of gift of \$8, and the diocesan collections the corporation connections of his make a grand total of \$6,100.91. This Democratic competitor. Another re- is more money than was ever before volt, against the machine's choice for received during any single year in the U. S. Senator, Brandegee, is now in history of the parish. And it is noprogress. It is based not only upon his people are going to church than Mr. Hill's superior standing and rec- heretofore. Considering that the parord, but also upon a growing disap- ish numbers but about 600 people, this proval of machine rule which usurps record, as detailed above, is simply repopular rights, makes conventions and markable. One of the leading Protescaucuses automatons, and mocks at the not have believed it if the facts had tant clergymen in town said he would people. Its motto might well be that not come from Father O'Connor him-Vanderbiltian one, "The public be self. The expenses of the church for the year past have been \$1,603.92. This The machine learned naught from its leaves a balance on hand January 1 reverses in 1908, though they might be this sum is in the Farmers and Meconsidered the handwriting upon the chanics' bank of Bridgeport, and \$2,-

wall. Yet those reverses proved that 200 is in the People's Savings bank of the Republican rank and file can down Bridgeport, while the small balance of \$266.99 is in the Connecticut National bank, for current expenses. All these effort. The opportunity comes at the facts and figures show how well be-Republican caucus for the nomination loved Father O'Connor is, and how of Senator. Its already somewhat im- much new life he has infused into the He is as popular with his most heroic treatment would preserve sider itself fortunate in having him it from dissolution. That it should ex- for one of its public spirited citizens

Tonight a party of Red Men leave for a fraternal visit to New Haven, where there is to be a public in-Are the Republican rank and file stallation of chiefs. The gentlemen W. Doolittle, George and William Fryer, W. A. Strickland, William Ap-

> Dr. Elliott Cogswell returned to Boston yesterday to resume his medical

> It should not be forgotten that the third annual dance of the Okenuck tribe of Red Men will occur tomorrow evening at the Town hall. This is really the first large ball of the new year and will doubtless draw a large

men who belong to the order. There will be meetings this week o the various Embroidery clubs and of the Afternoon Whist club. Miss Amy Gaines has sold to Mr

land upon the Housatonic river. The Miss Gaines makes her home with the Blakeslees. Mr. William Newbury is recovering

from an attack of pneumonia. Every day now loads of iron work can be seen going down East Broadway, to be used in the construction of the foot path along the side of the Washington bridge. When completed this will be a great convenience to the public.

Recent visitors to New York include Herbert W. Doolittle and Dr. Lemuel Dr. H. M. Clapp has recently been

A chorus of 25 voices took part in the Methodist Sunday school concert Sunday evening. Miss Rhoda King was at the piano and Miss H. Louise increase in our business durprovision that "the trial judges shall and girls. Rev. J. W. Eggleston was Miss Vivian Marie Conine has returned from her trip to Cromwell. for non-voiding, the act should following gentlemen for the various Messrs. W. C. Bartlett, W. W. Hubbell, Chas. G. Homan, E. H. Pitzer, James A. Mallett, H. A. Hoadley, R. N. Morehouse, H. N. Hunt, G. F. Quire, G. C.

The week of prayer is to be observed at the Methodist church Wednesday and Friday evenings.

The family of Rev. Mr. Eggleston has returned to town from a holiday visit to relatives in New York. All the school teachers having re-

roll pupils were present. This afternoon the Bridge Club went over to Bridgeport, to hold a meeting

This afternoon one of the many Embroidery clubs met with Mrs. Paul A Carey, on Sutton avenue. Last night Mrs. Harry Wilcoxson

Elliott W. Peck, Miss Dorothy Peck and Miss Carrie L. Peck have been visiting in New Haven recently. Tomorrow evening the officers of the

Recent guests in town include Mrs. Susan Paddock, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Curtis of New Haven, Irving W. Clark,

9fromesthr REVENUE OF The quarterly report of City Court Clerk George R. Burnes ending December 1 has been filed. It shows 834 cision of unconstitutionality as based arrests during the quarter of which upon an alleged infraction of the right 318 were sent to jail, 45 appealed, 85 released on suspended judgment, 30 bound over and 29 probated. The cash

receipts for the quarter were \$2,671.12. For the same quarter last year the receipts were \$4,086.85 with only 798 arrests. The falling off in receipts is noticable. The 834 arrests this year only produced a revenue of \$2,671.12, while 798 arrests last year added \$4,-086.85 to the city treasury. The receipts from costs were \$716.33

cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleed- only \$360.44 this year. Fines have With 790 arrests during the quarter ending Sept. 1, 1908, the receipts were \$3,325.46.

#### NEWTOWN.

The young ladies of Sandy Hook are arranging for a whist to be given Saturday evening, Jan. 9, at Foresters' hall. Sandy Hook. Robert Egan of New York, has been

the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Andrew Egan, Palestine. The condition of Miss Rose Brew of Hawleyville, who has been critically

On account of delay in necessary repairs at the High school building the that church, who had no idea that so opening of school was delayed until Principal Curtis E. Cook re-Father O'Connor took charge of the turned Friday from his vacation spent parish, or that the expenses had been at his home in Harrisburg, Pa. Miss so small and the surplus for the build- Minnie Butler, teacher of languages, returned from Worcester, Mass., Moning the liberal contributions which day. Miss Lulu Roberts, teacher of have been made by the Catholic popu- science and mathematics, has also re-

> All the public schools were opened Monday. Harley T. Peck left today to resume his studies at Yale, having enjoyed the vacation with his parents, Mr. and

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Carter of Bethel. were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. deavoring to fulfil promises made in town on the 13th of March, 1908, as and Mrs. E. S. Lovell, Queen street. Mrs. John R. Peck has returned from

a visit with Stamford friends. Miss Ethel Peck will not return to Syracuse University on account of ill health, and is at present enjoying a few weeks

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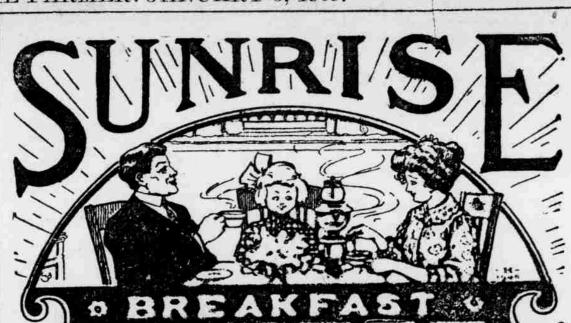
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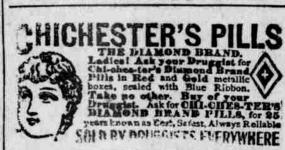
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